

Meeting Minutes
Virginia Board of Education
College Partnership Laboratory Schools Committee

Wednesday; July 21, 2010

Dr. Virginia McLaughlin, member of the committee, called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Also present were the following Board members: Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Dr. Ella Ward, Mrs. Isis Castro, Dr. Billy Cannaday, Mr. David Johnson, Mr. Rob Krupicka as well as Dr. Patricia Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Gerard Robinson, Secretary of Education. Mr. David Foster, chairman of the committee, was present for part of the meeting.

Dr. McLaughlin provided a brief overview of the Governor's college partnership laboratory school initiative and recognized deans and other representatives from Virginia's colleges and universities.

The following persons provided public comment:

- A representative from the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and from the College of Education, James Madison University
- A representative from the College of Education and Human Development, Radford University
- A representative from George Mason University.

Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communications, introduced the panel of national experts who facilitated a discussion of issues regarding college partnership laboratory schools:

- Dr. John Jacobson; Dean of the Teachers College at Ball State University
- Dr. Jay McGee, Principal and Chair of the Burris Laboratory School at Ball State University and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Laboratory Schools
- Dr. Glenn Thomas, Principal and Director of the A.D. Henderson University School at Florida Atlantic University and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Laboratory Schools
- Dr. Beverly Warren, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University

The first three panelists provided information on their backgrounds with college partnership laboratory schools and provided general information on the structure and mission of these schools in their states. Dr. Warren provided general comments regarding how college partnership laboratory schools could be a vehicle for choice and that funding for such schools needs to be considered.

The committee then asked questions of the panelists and raised several issues regarding a required planning structure, alignment issues, the flexibility of charter schools and college partnership laboratory schools, and the possible limitations and restrictions of these schools. Other issues discussed included the purpose of such schools, measures, funding, facility development, leadership and commitment, admissions policies, collaboration and partnerships, the need for such schools, consideration of other options, implication of 501(c) status, and possible implications for teacher education.

Mr. Foster concluded the meeting by stating that this committee will meet again on September 22.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Foster at 4:03 p.m.

All of the materials from this meeting can be found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/laboratory_schools/index.shtml.